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Subject: Railroad Bridge
Rehabilitations
State WIN: 022920.00
Location: **Warren, Thomaston &
Newcastle**
Amendment No. 3

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following question has been received:

Question: Based on Special Provision Section 105 (Environmental Requirements, pg. 42 of project manual), it indicates in-water work is only allowed Nov. 8 to April 9. It also states in-water work is any activity below the normal high-water mark. Based on the project plans all except 1 course of the channel reinforcement on the piers will be lower than the MHHW elevation which would mean it is in water work. Is this the correct interpretation that work can only be completed between Nov. 8 and April 9 for any work at or below the MHHW? Or is it acceptable to do work outside the in-water work window as long as the work is not physically in the water?

Response: In-Water work should follow the definition of In-Stream Work found in Section 101.2 Definitions of the Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications. In-Stream Work is defined as "any activities conducted in the water". Accordingly, work may be performed below the MHHW at any time of the year as long as it is above the water surface. Also, work inside a cofferdam may be performed at any time as long as the cofferdam is placed during the in-water work window.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **February 26, 2020.**

Sincerely,

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